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# **Joint call for research proposals: the SEAS-ERA experience**

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# Key outputs of the work package

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## Joint call WP objectives:

- General guidelines and procedures
- Launching joint calls for research proposals
- Follow-up and assessment of outcomes

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## Joint call for research proposals in the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea

- MOU establishing
  - Joint Management Committee (JMC)
  - Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC)
  - Call Secretariat
- 3 research topics:
  - *A) Ecosystem approach and ecosystem models in North Atlantic and coastal areas*
  - *B) Risk assessment of invasive alien species*
  - *C) Indicators for the determination of GES in the Mediterranean Sea*
- Project requirements:
  - At least 3 countries involved
  - 2-3 years duration
- 1-step submission (e-submission tool)

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## Participation and funding model

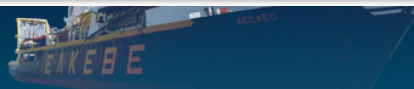
- Variable geometry
- 7 participating partners

Country	Funding Partner	Indicative budget (€)
Belgium	BELSPO	500 000 for all topics*
France	ANR	1 200 000 for all topics
Greece	GSRT	800 000 for all topics
Iceland	RANNIS	250 000 for topics A and B*
Norway	RCN	750 000 for all topics*
Portugal	FCT	300 000 for all topics
Turkey	TUBITAK	600 000 for topic C

\*BELSPO and RCN will only fund proposals if the studies include the Atlantic. RANNIS will do the same for topic B.

- Total available budget 4.4 M€
- Virtual common pot (juste retour)

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## RESEARCH CALLS

### SEAS-ERA Joint Call in the Atlantic and Mediterranean regions – 2012

A 4.4 M€ joint call was open for the submission of transnational proposals in the Atlantic sea and Mediterranean regions in the three following topics:

- A - Ecosystem approach and ecosystem models for the North Atlantic Ocean
- B - Risk assessment of invasive alien species - changes in marine biodiversity
- C - Development of indicators and science support and management tools for the determination of Good Environmental Status in the Mediterranean Sea

Trans-regional cooperation is highly encouraged, in particular in topics A and C, i.e. through comparative studies between the different regional approaches, comparison of methodologies and the transfer of knowledge between both regions, etc.

**Full proposal Deadline: May 24th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. GMT**

For more detailed information, read carefully the following documents:

- Call for proposals (version 10-04-2012)
- Eligibility and contacts of funding organisations (version 04-04-2012)
- Guidelines for electronic submission
- Project description template

Each partner will be funded by the respective national funding organization. Please notice that some partners will only fund projects including the Atlantic region.

**Further information can be obtained through the national funding organizations and the call secretariat.**

Prior to full proposal submission, read the **Guidelines for electronic submission** (available soon).

Only the applicants acting as coordinators (who represents the project consortium externally and is responsible for its internal management) are invited to submit online a full proposal form.

**Please request your login and password by email to [seasera@fct.pt](mailto:seasera@fct.pt)**

The applicants/coordinators, after collecting the information from other consortium partners, will enter the administrative details and project summary (publishable) directly in the Electronic Submission System (ESS) and will upload the project description form (including CVs of all partners) and the "statement of commitment" for heads of all partner institutions in the ESS

## Timing:

- Call published: 24/03/2012
- Deadline: 24/05/2012
- Evaluation: July - August
- SEC meeting: 03/09/2012
- JMC meeting: 13/09/2012

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## Call results:

12 submitted proposals:

- 7 under Topic A

*Ecosystem approach and ecosystem models in North Atlantic and coastal areas*

- 3 under Topic B

*Risk assessment of invasive alien species*

- 2 under Topic C

*Indicators for the determination of GES in the Mediterranean Sea*

Total requested budget: 11 387 128 €

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## Evaluation and decision

- 44 evaluators from 13 different countries
- no evaluators used from countries involved in the call
- list of evaluators published online -> [www.seas-era.eu](http://www.seas-era.eu)
- Evaluation: written evaluation of each proposal & panel meeting in Madrid -> ranking of the proposals
- JMC made the final decision
- Virtual pot constraints
- Flexibility in funding (BELSPO & ANR)
- 5 Funded projects
- Total budget: 4 265 799 €

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## Funded projects

- *Topic A - Ecosystem approach & models*



- SEAMAN - Spatially resolved ecosystem models and their application to marine management (University of Bergen (Norway) + 2 NO, FR, IS, GR)

<http://www.org.uib.no/seaman/>

EMoSEM

- EMoSEM - Ecosystem models as support to eutrophication management in the North Atlantic Ocean (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

(Belgium)+ BE, 2 FR, PT) <http://www2.mumm.ac.be/emosem/>

- *Topic B - Invasive species*

- INVASIVES - Invasive seaweeds in rising temperatures: impacts and risk assessments (University of Bergen (Norway) + PT, 2 FR, BE, IS, NO)



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## Funded projects (2)

- *Topic C - GES in the Med*



- MERMAID - Marine environmental targets linked to regional management schemes based on indicators developed for the Mediterranean (Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece) + FR, TR, GR)

<http://www.mermaid-era.eu>



- CIGESMED - Coralligenous based indicators to evaluate and monitor the "good ecological status" of the Mediterranean coastal waters (CNRS Délégation Provence et Corse (France) + TR, 2 FR, 2 GR)

<http://www.cigesmed.eu/>

# Future perspectives of the work package

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- JMC remains until last project finishes (after the end of SEAS-ERA)
  - Management of the running projects
  - Project progress workshop (8/04/2014 – Palma de Majorca)
  - Evaluation of the results
- Future calls (not in SEAS-ERA)
- Experience/documents could benefit to JPI Oceans, other (marine) era-nets, Trans-Atlantic cooperation initiative, ...

# Conclusions

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## Lessons learned from the joint call

- Participation of enough funding partners
- Budget of each funding partner should be sufficiently high (fund 2 or more PIs)
- Virtual common pot (constraints)
- Flexibility in funding
- Timing (allow enough time to researchers; avoid evaluation in summer period)
- Funding partners should make the final decision
- Foresee costs for managing the funded projects after Era-net ends